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Preserving the traditions of Folk Music, Folk Lore, and Gentle Folk Ways

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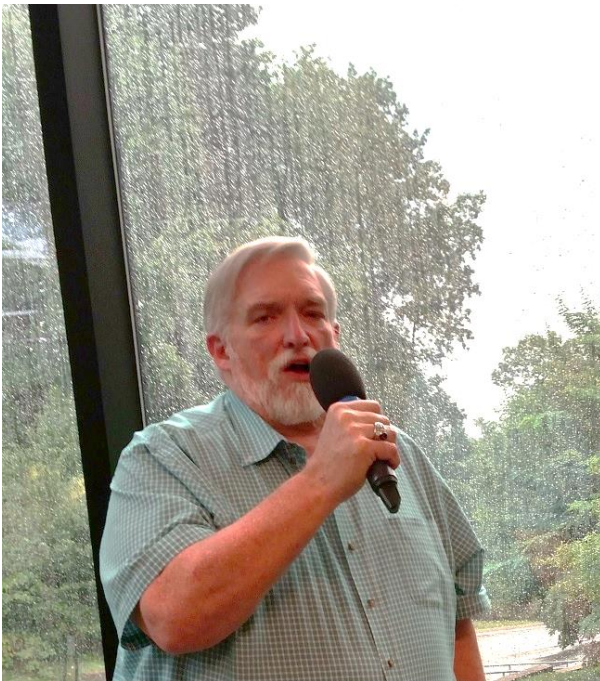
This Month's Concert, Sep 15 – SALLY BARRIS and REBECCA FOLSOM

Wonderful songs and harmonies from A-listed Nashville songwriters

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September 8 Member Showcase – Jim McConnell

by Jim



I feel really lucky to have been given this chance to perform in the September Showcase. I haven't been here very long and am just getting started in this phase of my life. Years ago, I can remember many pleasant Tuesday dinners with children in tow at the Tortilla Factory. We listened from the other rooms while we ate. With kids to raise, we just never had time to become involved in the Folk Club.

I grew up in a village near Evansville, Indiana, "immersed" in the local Methodist church where we sang our hearts out. John Wesley said to sing all the time, sing lustily, sing modestly, sing in time and sing spiritually. So, sing we did, doing the best we could. Playing trumpet in grade school and into high school was my first exposure to non-church music. When my voice changed two years earlier than my peers, I was kicked out of chorus and became the "sound man" and never looked back toward singing until years later.

After college, my wife and I started going back to church and found that the church choir was a great place to meet people and improve our musical skills. This has worked for us as we lived

in Ann Arbor, MI, Reston, VA, Mendham, NJ, and then back to Reston again. Church choir has become an anchor point in our lives as the chaos has spun around us of rearing two daughters and working two jobs.

Recently, here at United Christian Parish in Reston, I started taking voice lessons from our music director, Kevin Fletcher. I am very fortunate in that he has taught me how to express myself vocally in ways I had never attempted before. Kevin has also been patient enough to be my accompanist.

I have been influenced by all the music in my life: church choral and solo works, folk music from the 60's and 70's, Broadway musicals (R&H), Bach organ and keyboard works and (if you can believe it) Boy Scout campfire songs. In the late 60's, I watched Simon and Garfunkel play in our college gym. I was about fifty feet away. They had no backup band, just the two of them with guitars. That was an electrifying experience, etched in my memory. In NJ, for eight straight years, our church performed a great Christmas Messiah with imported soloists and NYC musicians. That music plays in my heart every December. But in more recent times, someone pointed me to the beautiful "Pie Jesus" performance by Andrew Johnston in "Britain's Got Talent." I thought... I can sing that and then did. Then along came Susan Boyle. Wow. What a voice! I hope to keep learning, improving and sharing what I can do as they have.

At the Showcase, I plan to focus on four areas: folk, ballad, Broadway and spiritual. I hope there are some Simon and Garfunkel songs, some exciting Broadway pieces, some ballads and some songs to touch our souls. I look forward to this opportunity, thanks to you.



Proudly presents

SALLY BARRIS & REBECCA FOLSOM



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

Show starts at **7:15 p.m.**

\$10 (\$9 MEMBERS)

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The Folk Club or e-mail – DAHurdSr@cs.com

Sally Barris is an A-list Nashville songwriter who has had songs covered by such top-level artists as Kathy Mattea, Martina McBride, and Lee Ann Womack. Her song, "Let The Wind Chase You", recorded by Trisha Yearwood and Keith Urban, received a Grammy nomination for vocal collaboration in 2009.

While her writing credits mightily impress, fans and peers are most captivated by her bright spirit and expressive mountain soprano. Dirty Linen says "Barris knows how to write lyrics that are as forthright as a stream of clear water and how to support them with melodies that share that quality."

During the past 2 years, the Minnesota native has performed Mountain Stage, New Bedford Summer Fest, Wildflower Arts & Music Festival and The Kerrville Folk Festival. Sally is currently touring to promote her new CD, "Wilder Girl".

Rebecca Folsom writes inspiring tales of human heartbreak, redemption and freedom. She shares those songs with exquisite intimacy with soaring and angelic harmonies. You experience the hot spark of the Wild Wild West uniquely mixed with the spiritual Zen of her upbringing in Boulder, Colorado.

"What I love most in life is being on stage singing with people, connecting and loving the music, having their hearts opened, dancing, [and] singing along." Rebecca's song, "Girls Like Us", charted at number 4 on the National Folk/DJ Chart and top 40 on Roots/Americana and College Radio. She has performed on BBC Radio and Television in Northern Ireland, Nashville's Bluebird, Opryland, and Tin Pan South stages, New York's Bitterend and Falcon Ridge Music Festival, Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas, as well as Colorado's Rocky Mountain Folks Festival.

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

Beppe Gammatta 10/13/2015; Dave Gunning 11/10/2015

MUSICAL NOTES



Labor Day Weekend Campout

Come out to the country for an hour, a day, or a weekend of camping, fun, friends and music. Beth Drumheller and Dave Hurd invite all Folk Club members, friends, musicians, and music lovers to their Double Trouble Estate in Stephenson, Virginia this Labor Day weekend – Saturday September 5th to Monday September 7th. Contact Dave (DAHurdSr@cs.com) or Beth (msdrum@yahoo.com) and they will send a flyer with more information. Or call them at 540-722-0146. If you plan to attend, please make sure they know when you (and yours) are attending and how many meals you'll be eating – by noon on Thursday Sep 3rd.

A Celebration of Life

On this first anniversary of her passing, a memorial gathering in remembrance of former member Nina Anmahian Lantis (January 4, 1962 – September 19, 2014) will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, you must please RSVP the number of people in your party to the following email: SimonSaysYoga@gmail.com. Nina's Celebration of Life will be held at: Simon Says Yoga, 4611 Sangamore Rd, Bethesda, MD 20816.

"FOLKIES" BORN THIS MONTH:

9/5/1930 – Shel Silverstein
9/5/1946 – Loudon Wainwright III
9/8/1897 – Jimmie Rodgers
9/10/1945 – Jose Feliciano
9/11/1945 – Leo Kottke
9/13/1911 – Bill Monroe
9/17/1923 – Hank Williams
9/19/1941 – Ellen Naomi Cohen ("Mama" Cass Elliot)
9/21/1934 – Leonard Cohen
9/24/1893 – "Blind" Lemon Jefferson
9/27/1928 – "Uncle" Josh Graves

Monthly Musical Quote

"I think people who can truly live a life in music are telling the world, 'You can have my love, you can have my smiles. Forget the bad parts - you don't need them. Just take the music, the goodness, because it is the very best part, and the part I give most willingly.'" - *George Harrison*

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

Doris Justis dorisjustis.com - Folk, original, and contemporary music

T.M Hanna tmhanna.net

Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)
schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Chris Anderson Performance schedule and downloads at <http://chris-anderson.info>
- Monthly, 2nd Saturday, Harried Americans Happy Hour, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Epicure Cafe, Fairfax, VA. <http://harriedamericans.com> The show includes comedy, poetry, and music, geared to adults - and is free, with a suggested donation of \$10.

Ron Goad MisterGoad@aol.com
- Mondays 7:15 p.m., F.A.M.E. Variety Showcases at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. FrederickAcoustic.org
- 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays 7:30 to ? p.m. (open mic at 10 p.m.), SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA Epicurecafe.org

Harley String Band (Jim Clark, Jim Johnson and Steve Coffee) www.harleystringband.com

Mary Shapiro maryshapiromusic.com

The Aloha Boys (Glen Hirabayashi and Isaac Ho'opi'i)
alohaboys.com

Jan Gillies
- 3rd Friday, 8 to 10 p.m., Jan & Neil host an open mic at Lost River Grill/TK Lounge in Lost City, WV.

George Dacre
www.acousticayre.com
- Paradise Springs Winery, Clifton, VA
Saturday Oct 31st, 2-6

Paul Loether and Richard Weil are playing with their band Silver Strings at the Takoma Park Folk Festival on September 20 2015 at 11 a.m. They will be on the Grove Stage at the Takoma Park Middle School, Takoma Park, Maryland.



Meets Tuesday nights, 7:15 p.m. at Amphora Diner Deluxe
1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

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FOLK CLUB FORMAT

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer has 12 minutes, which includes setup time.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

On the 2nd Tuesday of the month (usually), we feature a “Showcase” of a Folk Club member in a 25-minute performance. To be in the Showcase you must: 1) be a Folk Club member who has not done a showcase in the last 6 months; 2) fill out a lottery slip and place it in the “drawing bucket”; 3) Win the drawing on the night of the current month’s showcase; and 4) be prepared to be featured in the next newsletter!

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

Folk Club members are encouraged to submit performance calendars, classified ads, articles, reviews, artwork and other music-related items to newsletter editor Ben Hamblin at newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.com. Information should be received 1 week prior to the end of the month for the next month’s newsletter. Items will be published on the basis of music-related interest, timeliness, and available space.

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RESERVE YOUR CONCERT SEATS IN ADVANCE

Donations can be made in advance for Guest Artist concert performances on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Dave Hurd, 110 Devil’s Backbone Overlook, Stephenson, VA 22656, (540) 722-0146

FOLK CLUB MEMBERSHIP

If you enjoy the music and company, become a member! The cost is nominal, just \$15 per year. Along with the opportunity to participate in Showcase drawings, you get a \$1 discount on the recommended donation for guest artist concerts (up to 2 donations per show). Join up on Folk Club Tuesdays, or call a board member for info.

KEEP IN TOUCH

There are several ways you can keep in touch, or find out more about The Club:

Website: www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com
Facebook: Search for “Folk Club of Reston Herndon”
General Info: Contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402

Classifieds

WANTED

Dave Law (Reston Station) is looking to create a lasting folk/folk-rock trio for fun and profit. If interested, please call him at 703-200-1733 or email David.Law@DullesMetro.com.

Your old guitar strings! The Second Strings Project has distributed over 10,000 sets to the world’s most depressed regions. Send complete sets only to Second Strings, P.O. Box 234, Nederland, CO 80466.